

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS/MSP) for procurement of Maize under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations during the KMS 2017-18 – Appointment of TS MARKFED as State Nodal Agency –Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 44

**Dated: 13-09-2017
Read the following:**

1. G.O.Ms.No.123, Agri & Coop.(AGRI & COOP.(AGRI.I) Department , dated 24.09.2016.
2. Minimum support price declared by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare for Kharif 2017-18 season.
3. From MD, TS MARKFED, letter no 320/P&M/Maize/MSP/2017-18, dated 03.08.2017.

ORDER:

In the Government Order 1st read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Coarse grains for Kharif Marketing Season 2016-17 was issued and communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Managing Director, TS MARKFED, Hyderabad has informed that, as per the Department of Agriculture, season and crop coverage report of Kharif 2017 as on 12.08.2017, the maize area sown in Telangana State is 4.58 Lakhs Hectors. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Maize is Rs.1425.00 per Qtls. for KMS 2017-18. As per the Government of India existing policy guidelines for procurement and disposal of coarse grains procured by the state not meant for TPDS/OWS schemes, cannot be considered as procurement done towards central pool and such procurement is not eligible for any price support under the Food Subsidy Budget. The procurement of maize under MSP has to be taken up in State pool.

3. The Managing Director, TS MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate TS MARKFED as Nodal Agency for procurement of Maize under MSP during KMS 2017-18 under State pool.

4. Government after considering the estimated production of Maize, during KMS 2017-18, hereby nominate TS MARKFED as Nodal agency of Government of Telangana for procurement of Maize under Price Support Scheme to implement the MSP operations during the Kharif Market Season 2017-18. The T.S.MARKFED shall open the required number of purchase centers.

5. The MSP fixed by the Government of the India for the KMS 2017-18 for FAQ maize is 1425.00 shall be implemented by the Nodal Agency.

6. Government have also decided to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACSS) and Village Organizations formed under Indira Kranthi Patham to give facility to the farmers to market their produce nearer to the village and also to reduce congestion at the Agricultural Market Yards. The District Level Committee headed by the Joint Collector shall identify the additional procurement centres in consultation with the procurement agency i.e., T.S. MARKFED, to ensure purchase of entire surplus produce of the Maize from the farmers.

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7. The Marketing Department shall position necessary equipments like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales etc., in the Market Yards and Sub-Yards and also at the identified procurement centres of VO's (IKP) / DCMS/ PACSs. The procuring agency, T.S. MARKFED shall also inspect the available equipments at the purchase centers well in advance in order to make sure of availability of such equipments at the time of procurement. A District Level Committee shall be constituted for procuring required equipments / creation of infrastructure as ordered in the G.O. Ms. No. 124, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies C.S.I(1)) Department, dated 25.8.2005 and the same shall be applicable for the KMS 2017-18 also.

8. The T.S. MARKFED shall operate credit line for procurement of Maize, till such time the Marketing Department shall advance funds to the T.S.MARKFED from Market fund if available.

9. The T.S. MARKFED shall inform the State Government in advance as to the time by which procurement shall be completed so as to enable them to take a decision about disposal of the stocks.

10. At the District Level under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector a committee shall be constituted with Project Director, DRDA, Dist. Co-operative Officer, Dist Agriculture Officer, Dist. Mktg. Officer, District Manager, MARKFED, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Maize. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation rates etc. for effective procurement operations. The Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the T.S. MARKFED in implementation of MSP operations.

11. Operational guidelines for MSP operations of Maize which were issued vide G.O.Ms.No.39, CA, F& CS Department, dated 24.9.2007 for KMS 2007-08 shall apply during Kharif Marketing Season 2017-18 also except in respect of MSP. The MSP shall be as indicated in Para-5 above.

12. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC / FCI / AMCs shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Maize. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC / CWC / F.C.I., shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement / receipts. For this purpose, the warehouses shall also be provided with required moisture meters.

13. The maize procured by the State Government through TS MARKFED is under State pool, any loss incurred in such transaction viz., procurement expenses and difference between the economic cost and disposal by TS MARKFED shall be borne by the State Government from the Agriculture, Marketing and Cooperation Department Budget provided for the purpose.

14. The Director of Agricultural Marketing, Telangana State, Hyderabad and the Managing Director, TS MARKFED, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANAGANA)

**C.PARTHA SARATHI,
APC & SERECTARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To
The Director of Agri. Mktg., Hyderabad
The Managing Director, T.S. MARKFED, Hyderabad.
The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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The Registrar Cooperative Societies, Telangana State, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Telangana State, Hyderabad

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All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers.

The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for (Fin & CS), Telangana State, Hyderabad.

The P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, Hyd.

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Marketing Department, Hyd.

The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public
Distribution (Department of Food & Public Distribution), Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

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